

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER
JULY 18, 2019
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order.

Flag Salute, Moment of Silence

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the advertising of the time, place and change in date of this public meeting of the Governing Body. This notice is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members Chae, Englese, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-present
Councilman LaBruno-absent
Mayor James J. Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Valor Awards were presented by Chief Conner to 14 police officers for actions above and beyond the norm: case 1: Captain Tamburro, case 2: Lt. Joyce and Sgt. Lezette, case 3: Captain Tamburro, Sgt. Murphy, Sgt. Kaine, Officer Molinaro, Officer Donegan and Officer Schlamowitz; case 4: Lt. Brown, Acting Sgt. Lisanti and Officer Foglio; case 5: Officer Correa and Officer Villone. Chief Conner stated Dumont is surrounded by five excellent hospitals and has an excellent Police Department, Fire Department, Ambulance Corps and Paramedics.

Mayor Kelly called for a five-minute recess.

Following recess:

MAYOR'S REPORT

Saturday will be the actual anniversary of the Borough of Dumont. We were incorporated as the Borough of Schraalenburgh. We'll have other events such as fireworks in September.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Richards said that Columbia Avenue and New Milford Avenue railroad crossings are scheduled for repair by the Department of Transportation. They are just waiting for CSX. He enlisted the assistance of Assemblywoman Schepisi, explaining that New Milford Avenue, especially, is in dangerous condition.

There was a complaint that the Garden Homes contractors were using the back gate for access for construction equipment, which was against the developer's agreement. He had a talk with them and they have ceased using that gate. If anyone sees any problems, call Mr. Richards and he'll take care of it.

The Borough has used Direct Install in the past. They have made replacement lighting, heating and air conditioning more efficient and more appealing because they are now funding 80% as opposed to 70%. This is available to schools and non-profits.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilman Chae

No report

- Councilman Englese

Personnel Committee

Our Municipal Judge has retired. The Personnel Committee has reviewed resumes and interviews with candidates began today and will continue tomorrow.

- Councilman Manna

Police Department

In May, there were 1,997 telephone calls for service-88 for medical reasons, 12 for fires and 9 calls for commitments. 98 traffic summonses were issued; there were 2 DWI arrests, 35 motor vehicle crashes investigated, 31 burglar alarms responded to, 9,312 miles were traveled in patrol activities. The Detective Bureau conducted 10 firearms investigations, handled 28 criminal cases, investigated 8 Domestic violence incidents, with 2 mandated arrests. There were also 2 drug-related arrests.

- Councilwoman Rossillo

Ambulance Corps

As of June, there was a total of 119 calls. As of now, they have had 689 calls.

- Councilwoman Stewart

Donna Faulborn was nominated Hometown Hero in recognition of her work for Senior and Social Services. She goes above and beyond and deserves recognition. A resident of Dumont, Mr. Keenan, donated one of his kidneys to a friend. He also was recognized.

Stigma-free

The committee has held its third meeting. Signs are posted at the entrances to town.

Library & Recreation

They are co-hosting a concert at Memorial Park July 30. Ms. Faulborn has arranged to have the seniors bussed if they would like to attend.

Shade Tree Commission

On Wednesday nights at the arboretum, we have Twilight at the Gazebo. It showcases local people with different talents.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the June 11, 2019 Public Meeting and Closed Session: Councilwoman Stewart,

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Motion to approve the June 24, 2019 Special Meeting and Closed Session: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Councilman Englese-abstained

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#19-188 Bills List *

#19-189 Municipal Court-Establishment of Accepting Electronic Payments *

#19-190 County Collision and Towing-Approval to Add to the Police Department Towing List *

#19-191 Kevin Reissner-Approval to Hire as DPW Seasonal Employee-\$12.00 per hour *

#19-192 Anthony Vinci-Transfer from Fire Company 1 to Company 2 *

#19-193 Ronald Viola-Accept Application to the Fire Department *

#19-194 Ryan Botto-Accept Application to the Fire Department *

#19-195 Stacey Karavitis and Joseph LaPorte-Resignations as Crossing Guards *

#19-196 Approval of Knights of Columbus Casino Raffle Application to be held August 17, 2019; ID#109-6-7021; RL#542 *

#19-197 Approval of Block Party on Larch Avenue August 4, 2019 *

#19-198 Rejection of Goosetown's Radio Communication Bid *

#19-199 Authorization to Advertise for Rebid of Radio Communication System *

#19-200 Authorization to Commence Action to Invalidate the Lease with Dwain Asplint*

#19-201 Approval of Remington Vernick's Proposal for Fees Associated with the Bergen County Handicap Ramp Improvement Projects for New Milford and Washington Avenues -\$101,927*

#19-202 Approval of Promoting William Ross to the Position of DPW Acting Foreman *

#19-203 Approval of Promoting Daniel Prendergast to the Position of DPW Equipment Operator *

#19-204 Approval of Block Party on Erie Street August 10, 2019 *

#19-205 Approval of Block Party on Dakota Avenue August 17, 2019 *

#19-206 Approval of Block Party on Margaret Court September 7, 2019 *

#19-207 T&M-Approval of Proposal for LSRP Services-New Municipal Complex *

#19-208 Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Foveonics for Document Management-Records Retention and Disposal-\$151,800 *

#19-209 Authorization to Purchase a Street Sweeper for the DPW-\$238,435.00 *

#19-210 Authorization to Purchase Barcode Evidence Software for the Police Department-\$11,420.12 *

#19-211 Authorization to Purchase Two Ford Police Interceptor All-Wheel Drive Patrol Cars and Two Accessory Packages-\$87,608.34 *

#19-212 Authorization to Purchase a Live Scan Fingerprint Machine for the Police Department-\$23,953.00 *

#19-213 Authorization to Purchase Two Vehicles for the Fire Chiefs-not to exceed \$134,325.38 *

#19-214 Authorization to Purchase Rescue Tools for the Fire Department-\$86,768.00 *

#19-215 Authorization to Purchase Pumper Truck for the Fire Department-\$649,036.69 *

#19-216 Brian Dew-Authorization of Execution of Separation Agreement *

#19-217 Judiann Rainey-Hire as Part-time Violations Clerk-\$20.00 per hour *
Councilman Chae requested #204 be moved to non-consent

Motion to open to the public-Consent Agenda items: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Manna
All in favor.

1. Bruce deLyon, Beacon Street, asked if the future radio communication bid award would be charged to the new municipal building. He spoke about resolution #200 and the cost. He spoke about resolution #207 and would like to know what we are getting for \$85,000. He talked about resolution #216 and paying him health coverage and payout.

2. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, questioned the bill for Huntington Bailey. Councilman Manna explained that it was for borough attorney services until Mr. Leibman was appointed. Ms. Russini questioned bills to Benjamin Bros. and Home Depot. She asked if we couldn't ask Goosetown to rectify what was lacking in their bid, rather than rejecting the bid. The answer was no. They can rebid. Ms. Russini asked about resolution #208.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman Chae
All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda without Resolutions #199 (Councilwoman Stewart's request) and #204: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Chae
Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Non-consent Agenda items:
#19-199 Authorization to Advertise for Rebid of Radio Communication System-
Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman Chae
Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

#19-204 Approval of Block Party on Erie Street August 10, 2019 -Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman Englese
Roll call vote: Council members Englese, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes
Councilman Chae: abstained

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

#1566 Amendment to Salary Ordinance #1554
Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Chae
All in favor.
Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Rossillo
Second: Councilman Chae
All in favor

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

First Reading

#1568 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Councilman Manna explained that this could help reduce residents' insurance rates. It also provides different credits for the town. Mr. Leibman pointed out that there is a typo on page 9, which should be corrected prior to the second reading.

Mayor Kelly explained that CRS stands for Community Rating System, which is a program FEMA runs.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Chae

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

1. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, said that although he asked #207 and #216 be discussed, the Council did not. He spoke of the amounts in Ordinances #1567 and #1558 and the 6-year plan. He had asked when increases would be added to tax bills.

Councilwoman Stewart answered that it would not impact anyone until August, 2020. We do not know exactly what we will be borrowing or at what rate. Dumont has a AA rating. Councilman Manna stated that the 6-year plan is fluid and sometimes priorities cause it to change.

2. Virginia R, 11 Richard Drive, spoke of issues with a tree in front of her house. She hasn't gotten any response.

3. Mary Gilmore, 26 Fleetwood, feels that the tracks should be fixed. The Mayor said that we constantly call and complain. The DOT is in charge of repairs.

4. Lynne Vietri, 41 Wilkens Drive, thanked the Mayor for attending the athletic awards dinner. She asked that Council meetings not be scheduled the same day as the Board of Education meetings.

5. Maryann Russini, 141 Roosevelt, asked if the hiring of a part-time violations clerk is a new position. Councilwoman Stewart explained that we had a full-time court administrator and that position was replaced by the part-time clerk. Ms. Russini asked about #207 and where the tank is. The response was at 50 Washington Avenue. Ms. Russini asked if we are buying the property on New Milford Avenue for rental to Asplint. Mr. Leibman stated he has not been directed to have any negotiations to purchase the property. He has spoken to the representative from DEP. The resolution to file litigation has been approved. It is his hope we don't have to get to that point. He has broached a

solution but has not had a response from Asplint's attorney. Ms. Russini asked if there has been any update on Gina's Field and was told it is on hold for now. She said the engineer had reported that the playground equipment was unsafe. Councilwoman Stewart has spoken to him and he said he had misspoken.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Chae
All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter Closed Session to discuss:
Potential Litigation-Asplint
Motion: Councilman Englese
Second: Councilman Manna
Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Following closed session:
Motion to go back into public: Councilman Englese
Second: Councilman Manna
All in favor.
Motion to adjourn: Councilman Englese
Second: Councilman Manna
All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk